

ABOUT THE FOREIGN MILITARY STUDIES OFFICE



The Foreign Military Studies Office (FMSO) is a research and analysis center under the U.S. Army's Training and Doctrine Command (TRADOC), Deputy Chief of Staff G-2 (Intelligence), and the TRADOC Intelligence Support Activity. FMSO researchers conduct analytical programs focused on emerging and asymmetric threats, regional military and security developments, and other issues that define evolving operational environments around the world.

FMSO operates the Ft. Leavenworth Joint Reserve Intelligence Center (JRIC) and manages the World Basic Information Library (WBIL). Joint Reserve Component personnel and units – operating at the Ft. Leavenworth JRIC and in remote drilling analytical teams around the U.S. and abroad – make substantial contributions to all FMSO production efforts.



OPEN SOURCE INTELLIGENCE TRAINING OVERVIEW

FMSO's Open Source Intelligence (OSINT) training program is the Open Source Intelligence Research and Analysis Course (OSIRA). OSIRA is a two-week residential course offered ten times per year, instructed by experienced OSINT practitioners, and is fully accredited by the U.S. Army Intelligence School and in the U.S. Army Training Requirements and Resource System (ATRRS).

Instructional content includes classroom training modules with practical exercises, enhanced by professional readings, special topic seminars, and a total training exercise (TTEx). Training is conducted at FMSO's state-of-the-art instructional facility, which has a capacity of 24 students per cycle.

FMSO's location in Fort Leavenworth offers the advantages of a centralized location, easy access to Kansas City International Airport (20 minutes), low-cost per diem rates, and access to all of the resources of the



Army's Combined Arms Center, including the Combined Arms Research Library (CARL).

INSTRUCTIONAL PHILOSOPHY

The OSIRA course provides an introduction to open source research and analysis for experienced intelligence professionals as well as students with little formal intelligence training. The course emphasizes current open source tradecraft. FMSO's instructors are full-time OSINT practitioners, engaged in current research projects.

During the course, students are provided with a base of essential research and analytical methodologies. Students are taught advanced internet research strategies and methods, professional writing and briefing techniques, and approaches for using foreign source research. Students are also introduced to the scientific method and a variety of analytical techniques.

OSIRA helps students to develop fluency in available resources for open source research, including open source intelligence networks, commercial and government databases, academic resources, translation services, and analytical software and research tools.

OSIRA also includes coursework provided to introduce entry-level students to the fundamentals of intelligence – such as intelligence oversight, collection management, and operational security – while demonstrating to more experienced students how these fundamentals specifically apply to open source research.

Daily lessons are reinforced with professional readings, disseminated daily as after-hours assignments that take up to one hour to complete. Readings are distributed throughout the program to augment course modules, while also introducing students to relevant professional journals and publications. The reading assignments provide students with historical background on OSINT and intelligence and demonstrate effective approaches to collecting, analyzing, and sharing information.

The training curriculum is enhanced by OSINT seminars, conducted in structured discussions, in order to demonstrate to students advanced practical applications of the principles taught during the course. These sessions enable students to explore topics and issues essential to military, law enforcement, intelligence community, and decision maker requirements. Seminars expose students to multi-faceted approaches to using OSINT. Seminars are led by experienced analysts, specialized in the subject matter, drawing upon the particular skill sets of individual FMSO staff. Analysts develop their own materials, designed to introduce students to OSINT in action.

The best way to learn how to research is to do research, so the capstone of OSIRA is the total training exercise (TTEX). The exercise is conducted throughout the entire course, beginning on the second day of training. OSIRA seminars and training modules are strategically placed within the schedule to support the project. During the exercise, students are organized into teams of three-five members, incorporating individual students' backgrounds, interests, and/or specialized skill sets. Teams utilizing the collection management process, working through the intelligence cycle to produce written intelligence summaries and intelligence briefings that support real research requirements. Throughout the project, students are mentored by FMSO subject matter experts.

OSINT TRAINING & EDUCATION

Students are provided with comprehensive course materials and learning experiences. In the classroom, hands-on exercises using individual computer stations reinforce lectures and tutorials. To assist future research, students are also given electronic copies of relevant texts and resources.

The OSIRA curriculum is modular, enabling it to be tailored to specific class interests and needs. The program was built suit the needs of multiple agencies and missions.

OSINT VISION

FMSO's OSINT training philosophy stems from FMSO's vision for the role of OSINT in support of the intelligence community, decision makers, and operational forces. In addition to offering alternative sources to validate or challenge classified sources, OSINT can provide essential foundation knowledge for operational and decision-making requirements. This can include historical background, political developments, socioeconomic and demographic context, cultural insight, geographic, and technical and critical infrastructure data. OSINT can be used to monitor foreign events and perspectives. OSINT is also particularly useful for independent application in the training environment, to include "red cell" studies and threat analysis. OSINT proffers the widest dissemination capability of any intelligence discipline while generating the least political risk, benefiting inter-agency and international cooperative efforts.

STUDENTS

OSIRA is designed to support the requirements of diverse agencies and is open to federal, state, and local government personnel. Since 2003, OSIRA students have represented more than forty agencies, including all military branches and combatant commands, active duty, reserve, and National Guard personnel, federal law enforcement agencies, state and local governments, intelligence community partners, and Department of Homeland Security.

There is no charge to attend the course, but FMSO cannot cover student travel expenses. FMSO can accommodate 24 students per class, with a throughput of 240-290 students per year. Security clearance NOT required to attend

ACCREDITATION

The proponent for this course is the U.S. Army Intelligence School. The course operates under the auspices of the Command and General Staff College. Course information for all services and agencies can be obtained through the Army Training Requirements and Resource Center (ATTRS). The course number for OSIRA is ATTRS 3A-F91/243-F38.

OSIRA TRAINING SCHEDULE

Month	FY	Start	Finish
September	2008	08 Sep 08	19 Sep 08
October	2009	NO	CLASS
November	2009	NO	CLASS
December	2009	01 Dec 08	12 Dec 08
Jan / Feb	2009	26 Jan 09	06 Feb 09
March	2009	09 Mar 09	20 Mar 09
April	2009	13 Apr 09	24 Apr 09
May	2009	04 May 09	15 May 09
June	2009	08 Jun 09	19 Jun 09
July	2009	13 Jul 09	24 Jul 09
August	2009	10 Aug 09	10 Aug 09
September	2009	14 Sep 09	25 Sep 09
October	2010	NO	CLASS
November	2010	NO	CLASS
December	2010	07 Dec 09	18 Dec 09

ENROLLMENT PROCEDURES

This course is very proactive and challenging. Expect long hours and an intensive work schedule. Students must have High-Speed computer and Internet skills. This is not a course to attend if you are not extensively familiar with a computer.

Please be aware that this course is open DoD wide as well as local, state and federal law enforcement. Classes usually fill up 6 months in advance.

Enroll by filling out the Student Registration Form as soon as possible and either e-mail leav-wbiladmin@conus.army.mil or fax (913-684-5960) back to FMSO to reserve your "seat." FMSO will enroll you into ATRRS.

Students will need to make sure these are arranged:

- 1. Air Transportation**
- 2. Rental Car**
- 3. Lodging**
- 4. Have a Government Travel Credit Card – if unit applicable**
- 5. Meals (The post does NOT have a dining facility / chow hall.)**
- 6. DoD Information Assurance Awareness Training**

FOREIGN MILITARY STUDIES OFFICE

**Open Source Intelligence Research & Analysis Course (OSIRA) /
World Basic Information Library (WBIL)
Foreign Military Studies Office
Fort Leavenworth, KS
Student Registration Form**

Requested Class Dates: _____

Name (*Last, First, MI*): _____

SSN #: _____ - _____ - _____

Grade: _____ Rank: _____ Civilian: Yes ☐ NO ☐

Gender: Male Female

MOS / Branch / Occupation: _____

Organization/Unit Name: _____

Organization Address: Street: _____

City: _____

State / Zip Code: _____

Organization/Unit Contact Phone #: _____

Student Email: _____

Student Contact Phone #: _____

Supervisor Name and Contact #: _____

Return this completed form as soon as possible.

Fax: 913-684-5960 / DSN: 552

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When faxing, please USE A COVER SHEET with ATTN: OSIRA Liaison & ADMIN YNC Kristin Delfs

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TRAVEL

Travel should be by commercial transportation - flying into Kansas City Missouri International Airport (KCI or MCI). Students should request a rental car as the post is 20-30 minutes away from the airport. The government contracted travel office (e.g. Carlson Wagonlit) will arrange the flight and the rental car reservations, but students should call the central billeting (HOGE Barracks) for lodging. Recommend calling CARLSON as soon after orders are approved as possible to have the itinerary/reservations either faxed or emailed to the student.

Recommended Travel Plan

Travel Start: Sunday, 18 May 2008 (example)

Initial Report: Monday, 19 May 2008 (example) class starts promptly at 0830

End Date: Friday, 30 May 2008 (example) (make return flight **AFTER 1700** as class goes to 1500 – this will allow time to return to the airport, turn in rental car, etc.)

LODGING / MAP

Lodging will be paid for by the student using their Government Traveler Credit Card or however their unit prefers. Lodging will be reimbursed on students travel claim.

The post does NOT have government lodging (barracks) available.

Fort Leavenworth:

HOGE Barracks (Army Hotel) 913-651-9522 or 913-684-4091
205 Grant Ave, Ft Leavenworth.

Available on post for both officers and enlisted. Hoge usually DOES NOT have rooms available. Occasionally, we are able to reserve a block of rooms ahead of time. If rooms are available notify them that you are with OSIRA (POC: Kristin Delfs) and they will put you in one of the reserved rooms. Full maid service and kitchenettes are provided in all rooms.

If post lodging is not available FMSO will obtain a Statement of Non-Availability for the entire class and issue it on the first day.

Leavenworth/Lansing:

America's Best Inn & Suites (913-651-5500)
101 S 3rd St, Leavenworth, KS 66048

Commander's Inn (913-651-5800)
1118 N 6th St, Leavenworth, KS 66048;

Days Inn (913-651-6000)
3211 S. 4th Street, Leavenworth, KS 66048

Holiday Inn Express (913-250-1000)
120 Express Dr, Lansing, KS 66043;

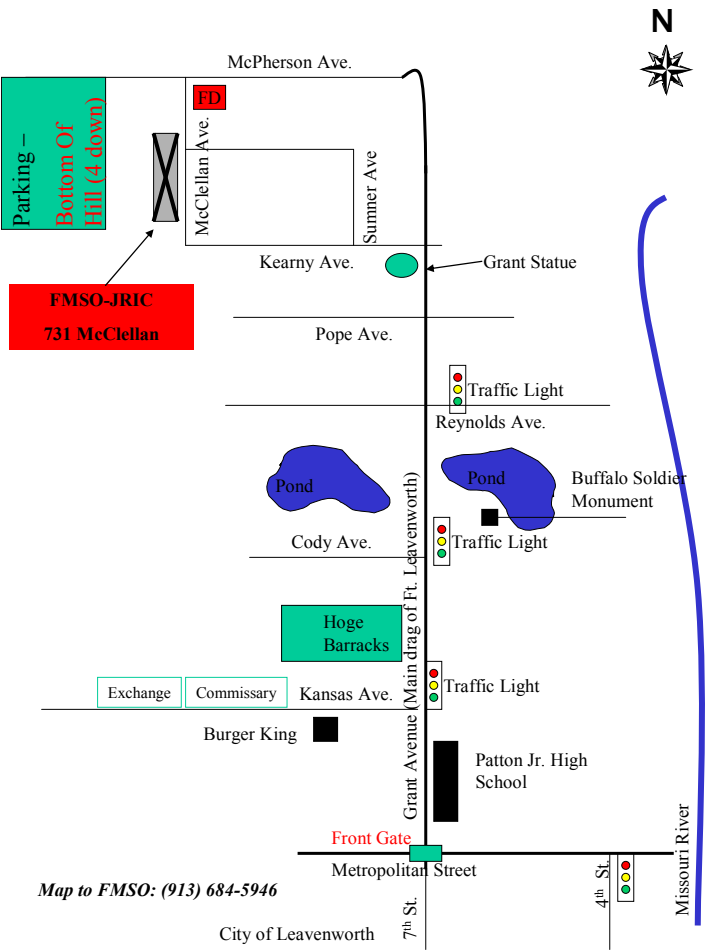
Platte City:

Travel Lodge (816-858-4588)
504 Prairie View Rd, Platte City, MO 64079

Comfort Inn (816-858-5430)
1201 Branch St, Platte City, MO 64079

Best Western (816-858-0200)
2512 NW Prairie View Rd, Platte City, MO 64079

Super 8 (816-858-2888)
2500 NW Prairie View Rd, Platte City, MO 64079



Map of Fort Leavenworth

DoD Information Assurance Awareness Training

All coursework is completed on government classroom computers. The “DoD Information Assurance Awareness Training” is MANDATORY for access to government computers. Prior to arriving for the course and gaining FMSO computer access, students must provide proof they have completed this course, within the last year. Go to the following website to complete the training: <https://ia.gordon.army.mil/dodiaa/default.asp> Upon completion of the course, please fax your certificate of completion to FMSO. If you have already completed the course, within the last year, please email (leav-wbiladmin@conus.army.mil) or fax (913-684-5960) your certificate of completion to FMSO.

For Navy personnel – Access NKO, on the homepage, in the center there is a Learning Tab. Click on Navy E-Learning, when the window opens, on the left hand side under Content, click Browse Categories. When that window opens, in the center, click on Department of the Navy (DON) Learning. In the left-hand column, toward the bottom, click on Information Awareness (IA). Click on that, and select (toward the bottom) DoD Information Assurance Awareness (DOD-IAA-V2.0). Enroll in the course, and complete as directed. Upon completion of the course, please fax your certificate of completion to FMSO. If you have already completed the course, within the last year, please email (leav-wbiladmin@conus.army.mil) or fax (913-684-5960) your certificate of completion to FMSO.

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